

SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES TO THE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY BED NEED METHODOLOGY

This change puts a moratorium on applications for RCF beds from its effective date until December 31, 2005. No applications will be accepted for new beds, expansions or replacement facilities.

The HSPA convened an advisory committee to make recommendations on RCF and ALF beds in Arkansas. This committee adopted the Arkansas Residential Assisted Living Associations recommendation for a “no growth” policy or moratorium on RCF beds. The long term goal is to stop the growth of RCFs because the state has a surplus of 541 RCF beds, and to phase out RCFs as they are currently licensed. The goal is to work with DHS, OLTC to develop a set of criteria and licensing regulations for new Assisted Living Level I Facilities which will replace licensing of the former Residential Care Facility beds.